

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully solicited.

Claims 1 through 12 are pending, with Claims 1, 11, and 12 being independent. Claims 1, 11, and 12 have been amended.

Claims 1 through 12 again were variously rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over US 6,604,215 B1 (Chiba), US 6,452,943 B1 (Furuya), JP-A 2002-084471 (“JP ‘471”), JP-A 2001-359073 (“JP ‘073”), and US 2003/0066078 A1 (Bjorgan, et al.), and US 6,654,416 B1 (Alexandre, et al.). All rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claims 1, 11, and 12 variously recite, *inter alia*, when the abnormality of the communication (based upon a stored data amount of the memory) is detected, controlling to continue the output of the video data from a position at which the abnormality is detected to a position instructed in the interruption point data, so as to display a video image based on the video data, and stop the output of the video data at the position instructed in the interruption point data (with the interruption point data is incorporated in the data on a stream broadcast relating to scene partitions of a program on the stream broadcast).

However, Applicants respectfully submit none of Chiba, Furuya, JP ‘471, JP ‘073, and Bjorgan, et al., even in the proposed combinations, assuming, *arguendo*, that such could be combined, discloses or suggests at least the above-discussed claimed features as recited, *inter alia*, in Claims 1, 11, and 12.

Applicants respectfully submit that Chiba refers, e.g., to “section data” and states that section data “include data necessary for conditional accessing and the electronic program guide (EPG) as well as data called program specific information (PSI), which are required for channel

selection" (e.g., col.1 , lines 42-45), and that Chiba furthermore discloses, e.g., that when the C/N ratio drops, error correction becomes impossible, and pictures (video data) can no longer be displayed, and furthermore discloses, e.g., use of a BER and a lock/unlock signal (e.g., col. 5); however, Applicants respectfully submit that such provides neither a description nor a suggestion of at least the above-discussed claimed features as recited, *inter alia*, in Claims 1, 11, and 12.

Applicants further respectfully submits that there has been no showing of any indication of motivation in the cited documents that would lead one having ordinary skill in the art to arrive at such features.

The dependent claims are also submitted to be patentable because they set forth additional aspects of the present invention and are dependent from independent claims discussed above. Therefore, separate and individual consideration of each dependent claim is respectfully requested.

REQUEST FOR ENTRY OF AMENDMENT

This Amendment After Final Rejection is an earnest attempt to advance prosecution and reduce the number of issues, and is believed to clearly place this application in condition for allowance. Furthermore, Applicants respectfully submit that a full appreciation of these amendments will not require undue time or effort given the Examiner's familiarity with this application. Moreover, this Amendment was not earlier presented because Applicants earnestly believed that the prior Amendment placed the subject application in condition for allowance. Accordingly, entry of this Amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

Applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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